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Application No.: 10/604,690
Docket No.: 10923-US-PA

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Applicant appreciates the Office Action has allowed claims 1-6 and considered claims 7-15 and 20 to be allowable.

The Office Action objected claims 7-15. The Office Action rejected claims 16 and 17 under 35 U.S.C. § 102 (e) as being anticipated by Yu et al. (U. S. Patent 6,758,690; hereinafter Yu). The Office Action also rejected claims 18 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yu in view of Mizumo (U. S Patent 5,764,497). Applicants have amended claim 7 to overcome objections. Applicants have amended claim 16 by reciting the allowable features in claim 20. Claims 17-19 have been cancelled. After entry of the foregoing amendments, claims 1-16 are in allowable condition.

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CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, it is believed that the pending claims 1-16 are in proper condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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